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Status		
1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 Section 2a) ☐ This action is <b>FINAL</b> . 2b) ☐ This 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowant closed in accordance with the practice under E	action is non-final.  nce except for formal matters, pr	
Disposition of Claims	•	•
4) ☐ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.  4a) Of the above claim(s) 10-13 and 16 is/are w  5) ☐ Claim(s) is/are allowed.  6) ☐ Claim(s) 1-9,14,15 and 17 is/are rejected.  7) ☐ Claim(s) is/are objected to.  8) ☐ Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or  Application Papers  9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner  10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) ☐ accertance and applicant may not request that any objection to the orange.	r election requirement. r. epted or b)⊡ objected to by the	
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Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119		
12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign a) All b) Some * c) None of:  1. Certified copies of the priority documents 2. Certified copies of the priority documents 3. Copies of the certified copies of the prior application from the International Bureau * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of	s have been received. s have been received in Applica rity documents have been receiv I (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).	tion No ved in this National Stage
Attachment(s)  1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date 4/03, 2/04 & 10/04	4) Interview Summar Paper No(s)/Mail [5) Notice of Informal 6) Other:	

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The requirement for restriction mailed July 26, 2004 is vacated and is replaced by the requirement for restriction outlined below.

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-9, 14/1, 15/1, and 17, drawn to nucleic acids, nucleic acid molecular hybridization assays, vectors, host cells, methods of producing polypeptides, and nucleic acid vaccines, classified in class 536, subclass 23.1, class 435, subclasses 6, 320.1, 325, and 69.1, and class 514, subclass 44.
- II. Claims 10, 11, 14/11, and 15,11, drawn to polypeptides, and polypeptide vaccines, classified in class 530, subclass 350 and class 514, subclass 12.
- III. Claims 12, 13, and 16, drawn to antibodies, antibody assays, and methods of treatment using antibodies, classified in class 530, subclass 387.1, class 435, subclass 7.1, and class 424, subclass 130.1.

The inventions are independent or distinct, each from the other for the following reasons. The nucleic acids, vectors, host cells, and nucleic acid vaccines of Group I are materially different from, and are therefore independent and distinct from the polypeptides and polypeptide vaccines of Group II and the antibodies of Group III. The methods of Group I may be practiced independently of the methods of Group III. The nucleic acids, vectors, host cells, and nucleic acid vaccines of Group I are not needed to practice the methods of Group III. The polypeptides and polypeptide vaccines of Group III are materially different from, and are therefore independent and distinct from the antibodies of Group III. The polypeptides and polypeptide vaccines of Group III are not needed to practice the methods of Group III.

Claims 1-9, 14/1, 15/1, and 17 are drawn to nucleotides, nucleotide constructs, and/or methods requiring the use of nucleotides or nucleotide constructs that contain more than one individual, independent, and distinct nucleotide sequence in alternative form. Accordingly, these claims are subject

to restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 as outlined in 1192 O.G. 68 (November 19, 1996). This notice permits the examination of from one to ten independent and distinct nucleotide sequences in a single application based upon USPTO resources.

Applicant is required to select no more than ONE of the individual sequences for examination. The search of the no more than ONE selected sequence may include the complement of the selected sequence and, where appropriate, may include subsequences within the selected sequence (*e.g.*, oligomeric probes and/or primers).

Claims 10-13, 14/11, 15/11, and 16 are drawn to more than one unrelated, independent, and distinct polypeptide or methods requiring the use of more than one unrelated, independent, and distinct polypeptide. Should applicants elect either one of Groups II or III for examination, applicants are further required to select one polypeptide or a set of methods that requires the use of only one polypeptide for examination on the merits.

Applicants have elected original Group I (claims 1-5, 7, and 8) and SEQ ID NO: 105 encoding SEQ ID NO: 238 for examination in the response filed September 27, 2004. Applicants should note that the requirement for restriction is among independent and distinct inventions and that there is no species election. In order to expedite prosecution of the application, applicants' election of Group I will result in the examination of claims 1-9, 14/1, 15/1, and 17 as they pertain to SEQ ID NO: 105 and nucleic acids that encode SEQ ID NO: 238 or portions thereof in this Office action. Applicants may traverse the requirement for restriction in this Office action in their next response.

Claims 10-13, 14/11, 15/11, and 16 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim.

Applicant timely traversed the restriction (election) requirement in the reply filed on September 27, 2004.

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-9, 14, 15, and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. the claims are vague, indefinite, and incomplete.

- (a) Claim 1 is vague and indefinite because it claims more than was elected.
- (b) The recitation of "comprising a nucleic acid sequence" (claim 1(a) and 1(b)) is vague and indefinite because it is not clear whether applicant intends the phrase to include the entire nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 105 or to include all nucleic acids that may include "a" sequence as short as two contiguous nucleotides of SEQ ID NO: 105.
- (c) The recitation of "encodes an amino acid sequence" (claims 1(a)) is vague and indefinite because it is not clear whether applicant intends the phrase to include nucleic acids that encode the entire amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 238 or to include all nucleic acids that may encode an amino acid sequence that includes "a" sequence as short as two contiguous amino acids of SEQ ID NO: 238.
- (d) The recitation of "selectively hybridizes" (claim 1) is vague and indefinite because selective hybridization depends upon the presence of competing binding partners in the reaction mixture. There is no mention of the presence or absence of such competing binding partners in the claims.
- (e) The recitation of "will selectively hybridize" (claim 6) is vague and indefinite because selective hybridization depends upon the presence of competing binding partners in the reaction mixture. There is no mention of the presence or absence of such competing binding partners in the claims.

- (f) The recitation of "means for determining the presence of the nucleic acid molecule of claim 1" (claim 15) is vague and indefinite because the nature of such "means" is not disclosed or mentioned. The function of "determining the presence of the nucleic acid of claim 1" is so broad as to make the metes and bounds of the "means" for performing the function unclear.
- (g) Claims 14, 15, and 17 are vague, indefinite, and incomplete because they depend from non-elected claim 11.

Claims 1-9, 14, 15, and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The claimed invention is not described adequately in that the claims are broad enough to include any and all nucleic acids that comprise either as few as two contiguous nucleotides of SEQ ID NO: 105 or encode as few as two amino acids of SEQ ID NO: 238 (see items (b) and (c) in the rejection above).

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

- (a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.
- (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-3, 7, and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Puttikhunt et al (Molec. Gen. Genet. 247: 118 (1995)). Puttikhunt et al discloses a DNA that encodes amino acids 51-60 of SEQ ID NO: 238 (see the alignment below). Thus, the DNA of Puttikhunt et al is embraced by the claims (*e.g.*, see claim 1(a)).

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RESULT 32
STMSAM/c
                                                                BCT 02-SEP-1997
LOCUS
                                  · 2981 bp
                                               DNA
                                                       linear
DEFINITION Streptomyces coelicolor DNA for aspartate
            aminotransferase, ribosomal protein, partial and complete cds.
ACCESSION
            D32254
VERSION
            D32254.1 GI:971285
KEYWORDS
            nusG; secE; rp1K; rp1A; ribosomal protein; aspartate
            aminotransferase.
SOURCE
            Streptomyces coelicolor A3(2)
  ORGANISM Streptomyces coelicolor A3(2)
            Bacteria; Actinobacteria; Actinobacteridae; Actinomycetales;
            Streptomycineae; Streptomycetaceae; Streptomyces.
REFERENCE
            1 (bases 1 to 2981)
  AUTHORS
            Puttikhunt, C., Nihira, T. and Yamada, Y.
            Cloning, nucleotide sequence, and transcriptional analysis of the
  TITLE
            nusG gene of Streptomyces coelicolor A3(2), which encodes a
            putative transcriptional antiterminator
            Mol. Gen. Genet. 247 (1), 118-122 (1995)
  JOURNAL
  PUBMED
            7715599
REFERENCE
            2 (bases 1 to 2981)
  AUTHORS
            Puttikhunt, C.
  TITLE
            Direct Submission
            Submitted (20-JUL-1994) Chunya Puttikhunt, Osaka University,
  JOURNAL
            Department of Biotechnology; 2-1 Yamadaoka, Suita, Osaka 565, Japan
            (Tel:06-877-5111(ex.3441), Fax:06-879-7448)
            Submitted (20-Jul-1994) to DDBJ by:
COMMENT
            Puttikhunt Chunya
            Osaka University
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            2-1 Yamadaoka
            Suita, Osaka 565
            Japan
            Phone: 06-877-5111 x3441
                   06-879-7448.
            Fax:
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                     'AFRLGVDPRKADQMVRGTVNLPHGTGKTA"
ORIGIN
Alignment Scores:
                                                      2981
Pred. No.:
                        44.2
                                       Length:
                        10.00
                                                      10
Score:
                                       Matches:
                        100.0%
                                                      0
Percent Similarity:
                                       Conservative:
Best Local Similarity: 100.0%
                                                      0
                                       Mismatches:
                        4.7%
                                       Indels:
Query Match:
DB:
                        1
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           51 GlyAlaGlyLeuProSerAlaSerAlaAla 60
Qу
              1860 GGCGCCGGCTTGCCCTCGGCCTCGGCGGCC 1831
Db
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Claims 1-5, 7-9, 15, and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Williams et al (WO 99/38972 (August 5, 1999). Williams et al discloses a lung cancer marker DNA of 300 nucleotides length that matches with 300 nucleotides of SEQ ID NO: 105. See the alignment of SEQ ID NO: 105 of the instant application with SEQ ID NO: 861 of Williams et al. Thus, SEQ ID NO: 861 of Williams et al meets claim 1(a)-(d). The DNA of Williams et al would selectively hybridize to SEQ ID NO: 105 of the instant application because maximum duplex stability is reached at 25-50 base pairs (see Kennell (Progr. Nucl. Acid Res. Mol. Biol. 11: 259 (1971)) pages 260-261). Williams et al also teaches the use of vectors and transformed host cells for heterologous expression of nucleic acids (*e.g.*, see pages 15-17 of Williams et al) and the use of nucleic acids *in vivo* (see pages 74-76). It is noted here that claim 8 is construed to not include transgenic organisms because of the necessity of the presence of a vector in the host cell and in view of the definition of "host cell" in the application at page 21, first full paragraph.

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RESULT 12
AAZ13392
     AAZ13392 standard; cDNA; 300 BP.
ID
XX
AC
     AAZ13392;
XX
DT
     12-OCT-1999 (first entry)
XX
DΕ
     Human gene expression product cDNA sequence SEQ ID NO:861.
XX
KW
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KW
     detection; mapping; tissue typing; profiling; forensic; cancer;
     genetic analysis; colorectal cancer; breast cancer; lung cancer; ss.
KW
XX
OS
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XX
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PN
XX
PD
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XX
PF
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PA
     (CHIR ) CHIRON CORP.
     (HYSE-) HYSEQ INC.
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XX
    Williams LT, Escobedo J, Innis MA, Garcia PD, Sudduth-Klinger J;
PΙ
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PΙ
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    Leshkowitz D, Kita D, Garcia V, Jones WL, Stache-Crain B;
XX
DR
    WPI; 1999-494092/41.
XX
PT
    Novel human genes and their expression products which are differentially
PT
    expressed in different cell types.
XX
PS
    Claim 1; Page 860; 2479pp; English.
XX
    The present invention describes a library of human polynucleotides
CC
CC
    comprising the sequences given in AAZ12532 to AAZ17779. Also described is
CC
    a method of detecting differentially expressed genes correlated with the
CC
    cancerous state of a mammalian cell, comprising detecting at least one
CC
    differentially expressed gene product in a test sample from a cell
CC
    suspected of being cancerous, where the gene product is encoded by one of
CC
    the 5248 polynucleotide sequences given in AAZ12532 to AAZ17779. The
    polynucleotides can be used as a source of primers and probes, which can
CC
CC
    be used for a variety of purpose, e.g. detection of expression levels,
CC
    mapping, tissue typing or profiling, forensics, genetic analysis and
CC
    detection of polymorphisms. Polypeptides encoded by the polynucleotides
    can be used for raising antibodies for experimental, diagnostic and
CC
CC
    therapeutic purposes. The polynucleotides may also be used to construct
CC
    arrays for diagnostics (which may be used to determine function of an
CC
    encoded protein); and to detect differences in expression levels between
CC
    two cells (e.g. to identify abnormal or diseased tissue in a human, to
    identify a genetic predisposition or susceptibility to a disease such as
CC
    cancer). The polynucleotides of the invention are especially used in the
CC
    diagnosis, prognosis and management of colorectal cancer, breast cancer,
CC
    and lung cancer. The polynucleotides can also be used to screen for
CC
    peptide analogues and antagonists
XX
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                              0: Mismatches
                                              0; Indels
                                                               Gaps
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Ov
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Db
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Claims 1-3, 7, and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being clearly anticipated by GenBank® Accession No. AL592304 (July 25, 2001). GenBank® Accession No. AL592304 discloses a DNA that is 60.5% identical to SEQ ID NO: 105 (see the alignment below). Thus, the DNA of GenBank® Accession No. AL592304 is embraced by the claims. Since the DNA of the reference was sequenced, it was necessarily contained within a vector and host cell (claims 7 and 8). GenBank® Accession No. AL592304 is cited as prior art because there is no basis in Serial No. 60/252,509 for SEQ ID NO: 105.

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                                                      linear
                                                               HTG 25-JUL-2001
DEFINITION Homo sapiens chromosome 1 clone RP3-426N7, 7 unordered pieces.
ACCESSION
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VERSION
            AL592304.1 GI:14586390
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REFERENCE
  AUTHORS
            Mclay, K.
  TITLE
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  JOURNAL
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            ---- Genome Center
COMMENT
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            Center code: SC
            Web site: http://www.sanger.ac.uk
            Contact: humquery@sanger.ac.uk
            ----- Project Information
            Center project name: dJ426N7
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            Chemistry: Dye-terminator Big Dye; 100% of reads
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            Consensus quality: 110681 bases at least Q20
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            Insert size: 119403; 8.4% error; agarose-fp
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            coverage: 10.67x in Q20 bases; agarose-fp
            * NOTE: This is a 'working draft' sequence. It currently
            * consists of 7 contigs. The true order of the pieces
            * is not known and their order in this sequence record is
            * arbitrary. Gaps. between the contigs are represented as
            runs of N, but the exact sizes of the gaps are unknown.
            * This record will be updated with the finished sequence
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as soon as it is available and the accession number will
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                54811
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Qy 1021 TCAGGTCTCAGCCAGGATG 1039

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